Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 25 Apr 2024 until 23:59 on Friday 26 Apr 2024

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 24 Apr 2024 at 11:09 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for showery conditions to continue until Monday, but low confidence for precipitation details on Sunday with a chance of heavier, more persistent rain or hill snow.

Headline for Thursday 25 Apr 2024: Scattered showers, heaviest and most frequent in the morning. Feeling very cold in fresh northerly winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 25 Apr 2024

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers	Light snow showers	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
40%	50%	60%	50%	30%	20%	10%	10%

Forecast for Thursday 25 Apr 2024

Weather: Scattered showers through the day, most frequent and heaviest in the morning, falling as snow above 400m. It will feel very cold in blustery northerly winds, which will ease a little through the afternoon. Perhaps some brighter spells developing between showers in the afternoon and evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30% in the morning, rising to 70% in the evening.

Low cloud and visibility: More extensive low cloud in the morning, mostly in association with showers, with bases down to 500-600m and associated poor visibilities. Generally drier and clearer in the afternoon with bases typically 1000m or more, but falling rapidly in any showers that may pass through.

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Forecast for Thursday 25 Apr 2024

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	23/31 NW	23/30 N	20/26 N	20/28 N	15/23 N	14/20 N	13/20 N	11/15 NE	8/10 N
900	16/21 NW	17/22 N	13/19 N	16/22 N	14/21 NE	11/17 NE	12/18 NE	9/13 NE	5/7 N
600	8/13 NW	8/13 NW	7/12 N	11/18 N	11/18 NE	9/14 NE	10/16 NE	6/10 NE	3/5 N
300	3/9 W	5/13 N	4/10 N	8/18 N	8/17 NE	8/17 NE	8/15 NE	4/10 NE	2/4 NW
Glen	4/15 NW	4/17 NW	4/12 NW	6/16 N	6/16 N	6/16 NE	5/13 NE	3/9 N	2/5 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-6/-14	-6/-15	-6/-15	-6/-14	-4/-11	-4/-10	-4/-10	-6/-12	-7/-12
900	-2/-9	-3/-10	-3/-10	-2/-9	-1/-7	-0/-5	-1/-6	-3/-8	-4/-7
600	0/-4	-1/-5	-1/-5	0/-5	1/-3	2/-1	2/-2	-1/-4	-2/-4
300	2/0	1/-1	1/-1	3/-0	4/1	6/3	4/1	2/-1	0/-1
Glen	2/-0	1/-2	1/-1	4/1	6/3	7/4	5/3	2/-0	1/-0
Freezing Level*	500m	400m	400m	400m	500m	500m	500m	500m	500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Feeling bitterly cold in blustery northerly winds and overcast conditions in the morning. Conditions better in the afternoon and evening, though lying snow may result in some glare from the snowpack in any sunny spells.

Forecast for Friday 26 Apr 2024

Weather: Scattered snow showers through daylight hours, falling as snow above 600m. Drier and clearer conditions early morning and in the evening as showers die away. Continuing to feel cold in northerly winds.

Maximum wind: Northerly 10-15mph, gusting 20-25mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 50% during daylight hours, otherwise 80%.

Low cloud and visibility: Only patchy cloud to 900-1000m in the morning and evening, thickening during daylight hours and falling to 400-500m in scattered snow showers, with associated poor visibilities.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 1 to plus 6 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 3 to plus 1 Celsius.
Freezing level: 600-800m

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